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1. SUBSEQUENT TO THE EC COUNCIL DECISION THAT ITALY SHOULD ABOLISH ITS QUOTA ON IMPORTS OF TAPE RECORDERS (REFTELS B & C) THE MISSION ASKED MEYNELL, EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR FOR THE FAR EAST, WHETHER THE COUNCIL DECISION SATISFIED THE EC COMMISSION'S WISH TO REPLACE GLOBAL ITALIAN IMPORT QUOTAS BY A VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN (REFTEL A).

2. MEYNELL SAID THAT THE COMMISSION STAFF WAS PLEASED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD NOT ACCEPTED THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE GLOBAL QUOTAS. HOWEVER, HE REGRETTED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD NOT ACCEPTED ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS, AN ITALIAN IMPORT QUOTA OF 20, # UNITS A YEAR FROM TAIWAN.

MEYNELL BELIEVES THAT ITAQ REFUSED A QUOTA ON

IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN BECAUSE ITALY WPAQ SEE THE COMMISSION'S ARRANGEMENTS ON TAPE RECORDERS COLLAPSE. EVIDENTLY, MEYNELL EXPECTS THE PRESSURE OF SHIPMENTS FROM TAIWAN TO BE SEVERE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL MAINTAIN

ITS SURVEILLANCE OF TAPE RECORDER TRADE IN ORDER TO BE SURE THAT ITALIAN IMPORTS NOT EXCEED 400,000 UNITS A YEAR. SHOULD IMPORTS GET CLOSE TO THAT NUMBER THE COMMISSION WILL MAKE NEW PROPOSALS TO THE COUNCIL.

4. MEYNELL WAS PLEASED THAT CIE COUNCIL DECISION MEANT THAT US SHIPMENTS OF TAPE RECORDERS WOULD NO LONGER BE SUBJECT TO AN ITALIAN IMPORT QUOTA.

WE HAD FIRST PRO-

TESTED AGAINST THE QUOTA IN MAY (73 (REFTEL D).

GREENWALD

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